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**REQUEST FOR FORMAL INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER**

Sir:

I hereby request an Interview with the Examiner. The sole topic to discuss is: Dasgupta does not appear to disclose a hash value range as required by Claims 1, 15, 18, and 21. The Final Office Action says, in paragraph 3, that Dasgupta's Fig. 3 shows "six hash buckets are associated with resources initially assigned as follows to three nodes, numbered 1 through 3, within a three-node cluster: buckets 1 through 2 are assigned to node 3." Thus, the Final Office Action seems to be saying that "buckets 1 through 2" are the same as a "hash value range." However, in col. 10, lines 35-50, Dasgupta actually says that buckets 1 and 4 are initially assigned to Node 1, and buckets 3 and 6 are initially assigned to Node 3. The buckets assigned to the nodes are not consecutive. Therefore, Dasgupta fails to disclose the required "hash value range."

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Please call me at (408)414-1224 so that we can discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attached please find the Request for Formal Interview with the Examiner.**

**Christian Nicholes**

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